

CANADA.

IMPORTANT DEBATE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF CONFEDERATION—THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OUTVOYED 69 TO 31.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Last night came off the often deferred discussion of the Constitution of Local Legislatures.

Mr. Dorion led off with an amendment of the Fourth Resolution, arguing that, if the duties of the Local Governments were to be municipal only, one Chamber would be sufficient for Lower Canada. All questions of importance regarding commerce, banking, currency, public works, etc., are to be dealt with by the General Government. Moved, therefore, that the Legislature of Lower Canada be a one elective Chamber, as well as that of Upper Canada.

He was seconded by Mr. Lafontaine, who said he rose, with great diffidence, to address the House, in a language

He had given the House a most eloquent speech, but there was no argument in it, and no doubt he could be as eloquent on one side as the other. He (Mr. L.) then proposed a resolution that the House should vote on a question which would place a dead lock in the Government. The gentlemen opposite wanted a Legislative Union, but they knew very well they cannot get it, and so they provide an upper House. He (Mr. L.) then proposed a resolution that the House should vote on a question which would lead to a Legislative Union. If Upper Canada can do with one Chamber, why cannot Lower Canada? He had heard no reason to prove that one Chamber was good for Upper Canada. Honorable gentlemen had spoken of the good feeling existing between the two races, but if there was so much good feeling, why all those precautions on the part of the British population? Why give the French so much French? Why give them so much French? Why guarantee them so many constituencies that the Parliament could not change? It was because they had no faith in that feeling. The good feeling was not stronger now than it was 20 years ago. He (Mr. L.) then proposed a resolution that the House was good for Upper, but not good for Lower Canada.

Mr. Dunkin said there never had been a time since the Union when the great majority of the British population had been on one side of politics, and worked with the great majority of the French Canadians—a fact

that spoke strongly in favor of the good feeling which had been called in question. Then as to the question of jurisdiction, he said that the Lower Canada majority was guaranteed in its institutions against the aggression of the whole of the British Empire. With regard to the question before the House, he was exceedingly glad that no new experiment was to be tried upon Lower Canada. He was very much pleased that the members were inconsistent with the principles, or at all events, with the usages of the British Constitution, and not in harmony with responsible government. The responsibility of the Government was not to be placed in the hands of a single chamber system to the Territories, but whenever the Territories were raised to States, then the two chambers would be necessary. He was very much pleased that Lower Canada would have more important functions to

On the 11th resolution Mr. Cauchon moved an amendment striking out that part of it which guarantees the present limits of the Province of New Brunswick, and the Counties of Huntingdon, Missisquoi, Bromfield, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Compton, Wolfe, Richmond, Megantic, and the town of Sherbrooke against any future alteration of its limits.

This is to secure these constituencies as English speaking ones in Lower Canada, so that the minority in the French speaking ones will not be lessened.

Mr. (then) replied, explaining the object of guarantee to the British population. It was a means of giving them a voice in the Government, and an apprehension of it in the future. The British population in Lower Canada had viewed their position with considerable apprehension, after they should be deprived of the protection of the British Government, and of the British troops in their interests, as they would be in the Local Legislature, and they desired to have a guarantee that they should have a voice in the Government of the Province, and that they would trust to the justice of the majority. They were not afraid of the majority of the Lower Canadians of

French nobles, and the British population were not willing to trust their interests in the hands of that party. It was as a guarantee that the French would not abuse their privilege that they demanded the assurance of a place on the floor of Parliament, to make their rights known in Legislature and before the country.

Mr. Fox, when this guarantee was offered he had no hesitation in saying that he would accept it, and he thought that any party who should refuse by their votes to give the French the privilege of sitting on the floor of Parliament, gave but a poor assurance of fair play in the future.

The amendment was carried. — *Navy 68.*

These were the two chief points in the debate. The rest of the resolutions were carried.

FATALITY INJURED.—On Saturday John Kinby was thrown from his track. In front of No. 19 Chatham st., and one of the wheels of the vehicle passed over his chest, crushing it. He was taken to the hospital, but died at the hospital that evening. In the New York Hospital. Yesterday Governor Corder held an inquest, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict as follows: "That the deceased was a native of Ireland, aged 38 years, and resided at No. 434 Water st."

A DISHONEST SERV'ANT.—Mrs. Dora P. Richards, residing at No. 134 Nineteenth street, on Saturday caused the arrest of Joseph L. Loboskin in her employ, by Officer Pitcairn of the Fifteenth Precinct, on the charge of theft. The complainant states that she has had recently stolen from her a gold watch and chain, a pair of diamond earrings, a diamond ring, a pair of diamond pincettes, and a napkin, altogether of the value of \$299.45. A small portion of the stolen property was found in the possession of the accused, including the napkin. She is held by bail and guilt, but was committed for trial in default of \$2,000 by Justice Ledwith.

TERIBLY CRASHED.—On Saturday afternoon Dennis White, aged 11 years, whose parents reside at No. 14 Montgomery-st., while sitting upon Pier No. 53 East River, engaged in fishing, had both legs crushed between the pier and the rack of the Grand-att ferry, causing a very bad case of dislocation with the rack. The unfortunate boy was conveyed to Bellevue Hospital.

BOLD THEFT OF A CASH BOX.—On Saturday afternoon one Charles Hastings entered the office of Mr. David Edinboro Water-sat., and stealing a cash box, containing a check for several hundred dollars, and a small amount of money which was lying on the counter, made good his escape by the rear door. He was immediately detected, arrested, and taken to the police station, where he was committed, and the cash box in his possession. Justice Dowling issued a warrant for his arrest.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.—Late on Saturday night, while Mr. John Kosch, residing at No. 22 Gold-st., Brooklyn, was passing through Chambers-st. near Washington-st., in this city, he was met by Thomas Seibert and two companions, who seized him by the throat, the neck and held him, while they confiscated took from the pockets of his vest a silver watch, a gold chain and a small amount in money, with which they fled. The screams of Kosch brought to the spot Officers O'Connell and Sullivan, who were on duty at the time, in the hallway of the Third Precinct and near the entrance to the Court House. They endeavored to arrest Seibert, the others escaped. On Saturday the prisoner was taken to the Tombs, and committed to trial in default of \$500 bail. He is aged 36 years, and lives in West-st.

NEWS ITEMS.

Rents have declined 25 per cent in Indianapolis.
 Stranstruch salmon are reported in Scotland.
 General Custer's war-horse, value \$6,000, died a few days ago.
 A piece of rattan matting, 120 feet long, has been worn in Reading, Mass., for a hotel in Baltimore.
 Prof. Wilbur of Hamilton, Canada, argues that perdition is forever from the earth.
 A party in one day, captured seven hundred and sixty-nine trout in a California stream not long since.
 A paper mill is being established in Leavenworth.

The Pittsburgh (Pa.) district pays the Government \$67,810 more this year than last.

A School-house and Asylum is to be erected at New-Orleans by the Methodist and a Congregational Mission.

The City of Buffalo, at an election held upon the question, a few days ago, voted to take \$200,000 of the bonds of the projected Buffalo and Washington Railroad.

The United States Consul at Hamburg, Mr. James McKim, has offered to lease of sea for the use of the Prussian War Department.

The *Mobile Tribune* complains of high rents for dwelling-houses in that city, and says the price is the least of April, there has been an over-bid for the same.

A Convention of Underwriters, representing Ohio

A tower of one hundred and fifty feet high, is to be erected in connection with the Chicago Lake tunnel, to supply the upper stories of buildings with water. It will cost over half a million.

The Fenians are making arrangements for a picnic at Black Rock, near Buffalo, on the 21st of August. They propose to have a sham fight, representing the battle of Lanes. *Edw. Nolan.*